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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>DE20020028</b>	FOR FURTHER ACTION      See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
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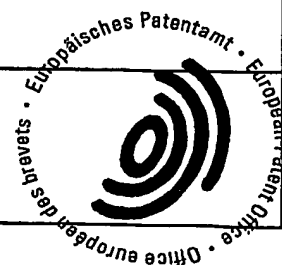
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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☒ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☐ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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- VII ☐ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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**I. Basis of the report**

The basis of this international preliminary examination is the application as originally filed.

**III. Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability**

The question of whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step, or to be industrially applicable has not been the subject of the international preliminary examination in respect of the whole application because no international search report has been established for any of the claims (Article 17(2)(a) or (3) and Rule 66.1(e) PCT; see also declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) PCT).